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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 14, 2017

DATE: March 1, 2017
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Emergency Manager
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THROUGH: Al Rogers, Management Services Director
SUBJECT: Notice and possible action to ratify a Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Washoe County Manager; and update of related emergency operations. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Board will received the declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Washoe County Manager for Washoe County based on flood, severe weather, disruption of utility or transportation services, and other potential and related events in Washoe County, and is asked to ratify that declaration by a majority of the Board and to publicize the same pursuant to WCC 65.320.

PREVIOUS ACTION

February 28, 2017 – The Board of County Commission approved the declaration under an emergency item that was added to the agenda (Item #15).

BACKGROUND

On or about February 6, 2017, a continuing series of weather patterns created additional widespread flooding and other potential and related events in Washoe County. The flooding caused public safety, public works and social services response and support as flooding threatened areas including, but not limited to, the Lemon Valley, Rancho Haven, Palomino Valley areas, as well as areas north of Gerlach.

On February 23, 2017, Washoe County Manager, John Slaughter declared an emergency as flooding was causing or threatening loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering or financial loss to the extent that extraordinary measures had to be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Washoe County Code 63.520 allows the County Manager to declare an emergency when circumstances prevent timely action by the Board, provided the Manager seeks the ratification of that declaration by a majority of the Board at the next lawful meeting of the Board.

AGENDA ITEM # 12

FISCAL IMPACT

The total costs of response and support efforts are being compiled under Statistical Order #70719 - February 2017 Flooding. Requests for reimbursement will be submitted to the appropriate agencies.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive and accept the Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Washoe County Manager, ratify the Declaration, and direct staff to publicize the Declaration as required by WCC 65.320.

POSSIBLE MOTION

A possible motion would be *“I move to receive and accept the Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Washoe County Manager, ratify the Declaration, and direct staff to publicize the Declaration as required by WCC 65.320.”*